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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/974,935	LEVIN ET AL.	
	Examiner Kevin Y. Kim	Art Unit 2638	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,3-29,31-46 and 48-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 11-14,17,18,31-33, 37,41 and 45 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,19-21,23-29,34,38,42,46,48 and 49 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 3-10,15,16,22,35,36,39,40,43,44 and 50 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1,19,20,21,23-29,34,38,42,46,48 and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sourour (US 6,865,218).

Claims 1,34,38,42,46,48,49.

Sourour discloses a method of canceling pilot interference at a receiver unit (200, see Fig.4) in a wireless communication system (see Fig. 1), comprising;

receiving a signal comprised of a plurality of signal instances (a multipath signal as termed by Sourour), wherein each signal instance a pilot and data,

estimating pilot interference due to each of the plurality of signal instances (214, see Fig.7 and col.3, lines 40-45),

accumulating the estimated pilot interference due to the plurality of signal instances in a buffer (218) to provide a total pilot interference,

subtracting the total pilot interference from the received signal to derive a pilot interference cancelled signal (206, see Fig.7), and

processing the pilot interference cancelled signal to derive data for each signal instance in the received signal (188, see Fig.4).

Claim 19.

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Fig. 10 of Sourour shows estimating pilot interference using a correlator. The estimation is “based on segments of data samples” of the received signal before accumulated with other interference estimates.

Claims 20 and 21.

It is quite established that a PN sequence length of a correlator such as shown in Fig.10 of Sourour corresponds to one symbol period.

Claim 23.

Sourour shows the deriving the total pilot interference before processing of the pilot interference cancelled signal, thus, performing them “in a pipelined manner.”

Claims 24-29.

Sourour describes the receiver in a CDMA system. See col.4, lines 39-59.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 3-10,15,16,22,35,36,39,40,43,44 and 50 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
4. Claims 11-14,17,18, 32-33, 37,41 and 45 are allowed.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO

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MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Y. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-3039. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM --5PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kenneth Vanderpuye can be reached on 571-272-3078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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